

REMARKS

Applicants note that the Office Action Summary indicates that claims 1-26 are currently pending in this application. In fact, as a result of the Preliminary Amendment mailed November 4, 2003, claims 7 and 11 have been canceled.

Amendments

Claims 24 to 26 have been withdrawn as a result of a restriction requirement.

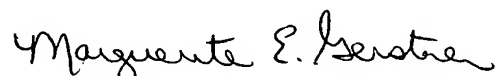
Restriction Requirement

Applicants confirm the election, without traverse, of claims 1-6, 8-10, and 12-23 (i.e. Group I) for prosecution in this application.

Conclusion

Allowance of this application at an early date is requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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